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Bottom-up Governance Leadership Program for Women in the Pacific

The Foundation for Development Cooperation (FDC) is seeking applications from young and emerging women leaders from Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Fiji and Tonga to participate in a project entitled: the **Bottom-Up Governance Leadership Program for Women in the Pacific** (BGLP). BGLP aims to provide lesser-advantaged women with basic knowledge of governance and leadership in the Pacific and support bottom-up governance initiatives by women in their local communities.

Chosen participants will take part in a short distance-learning course (with some local mentoring) between February and July 2009. During this time women will be provided training in basic leadership skills, governance issues, and project management skills. Women can study at home and at regular intervals in the office of the BGLP affiliates in each of the designated countries. On average participants should only be required to spend one hour a week (over 12 weeks) reading the materials and completing coursework assessment. Those who complete the BGLP governance leadership training will receive a "Certificate in Basics of Governance".

Graduates will then be encouraged to design a small-scale local-level initiative to improve the levels of female participation in governance and promote female leadership. In July 2009 the ten best initiative designers will be funded to take part in a three-day Participatory Project Management Workshop (PPM) to adapt the skills gained during their studies and to help them manage their own initiatives. Out of this group of ten, the best five will receive up to US\$5,000 to fund their initiatives for a period of 12 months (from August 2009 to August 2010). Women whose initiatives do not gain selection in the contest will still be able to keep their membership in the BGLP website and be able to access its resources, share ideas with other women in the program and receive advice from BGLP affiliates on an on-going basis.

Selection will favour women aged 18 + who live in rural and remote communities and who have a basic education (primary or secondary). Applicants do not necessarily have to have previous formal training in governance and leadership but those interested in participating should be able to demonstrate:

- Previous experience in leadership related activities
- Interest in governance issues
- willingness to participate in the civic life of their own communities
- Ability to read and write well

Please complete the BGLP Selection Process Form below and send your application to one of the addresses below (email, fax or post). FDC will select the best 65 applicants.

Applications are due by **close of business on Friday 30th January 2009**.

Please send written applications to:

Email: vladimirpacheco@fdc.org.au

OR

Post/fax to either:

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Alternatively you can complete an on-line application form by following this link:
<http://www.fdc.org.au/bottom-up-governance-leadership-program-for-women-in-the-pacific>

BGLP Selection Process Form

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Address:

Contact details (if available)

Phone number: _____

Fax number : _____

e-mail address: _____

Please give a brief description of your past work experience (if any). Please also detail any leadership or governance related activities which you have been involved in, or would like to be involved in:

Other comments:
